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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/742,896	HARANO ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Laura M. Schillinger	2813	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 12/23/03.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 23 December 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date <u>12/23/03</u> | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

Cancel claims 6-8.

Note: claims 1-5 were elected over the phone by Juan Marquez on 4/5/05; without traverse.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-5 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

In reference to claim 1, Yi ('481) teaches a display device comprising:

a thin film transistor substrate (11) which includes at least an insulation substrate having background layer on a surface thereof (13), a polysilicon layer formed over the background layer (15), gate electrodes (21) formed over the polysilicon layer by way of a first insulation layer (19) which covers the polysilicon layer(15), a second insulation layer covering the gate electrode (29), a pair of source/drain electrodes formed over the second insulation layer (23/25), the source/drain electrodes penetrating the second insulation layer and the first insulation layer and

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being in contact with the polysilicon layer (15), and a third insulation layer (35) covering the wherein source/drain electrodes (23/25) (Fig. 1),

and a barrier layer (130) made of molybdenum or molybdenum alloy which is formed below the conductive layer (121) and is in contact with the polysilicon layer (127/128) (Fig. 5d);

However Yi et al fails to teach the source/drain electrode includes a cap layer made of molybdenum or a molybdenum alloy which is formed over a conductive layer made of aluminum or an aluminum alloy and is in contact with the third insulation layer, and the source/drain electrode further includes a molybdenum oxide nitride film on a surface of the barrier layer which is contact with the conductive layer.

However, Meguro et al ('985) teaches the source/drain electrode (12) includes a cap layer made of molybdenum or a molybdenum alloy (22) which is formed over a conductive layer made of aluminum or an aluminum alloy (12- Col.4, lines: 50-60) and is in contact with the third insulation layer (8B) (Fig. 1).

Yet even in combination, Yi and Meguro still fail to teach nor suggest Applicant's additional claimed limitation of the source/drain electrode further includes a molybdenum oxide nitride film on a surface of the barrier layer which is contact with the conductive layer.

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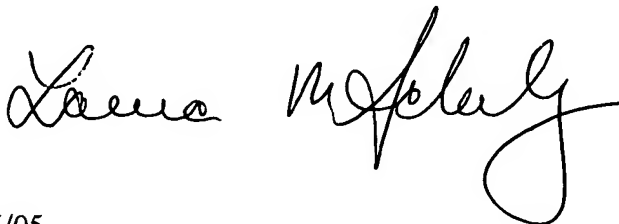
Consequently, Applicant's claim language is not anticipated by prior art and claim 1 is deemed to contain allowable subject matter as explained above. Claims 2-5, act only to further narrow independent claim 1 and are therefore also deemed to be allowable over prior art.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Laura M. Schillinger whose telephone number is (571) 272-1697. The examiner can normally be reached on M-T, R-F 7:00-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Carl W. Whitehead, Jr. can be reached on (571) 272-1702. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Laura M. Schillinger', with a large, stylized loop at the end of the last name.

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